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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Superintendent of Schools

and Supervisors

OF THE

Town of Southbridge, Mass.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31st, 1925



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**Organization of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE—1925-1926**

Pierre Lafortune,, Chairman, 27 Chestnut St.	1923
Hector LeClair, 139 Hartwell St.	1923
J. Arthur Genereux, 2 Twinehurst Place	1927
Joseph V. Laughnane, 30 Pine St.	1927
Hector Peloquin, 98 Hamilton St.	1926
Alfred E. LaPierre, 6 Crane St.	1923

Repairs Committee

J. Arthur Genereux	Alfred E. LaPierre
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School Supplies

Joseph V. Laughnane, Chairman	
Hector L. Peloquin	Hector LeClair

Superintendent of Schools

Fred E. Corbin, residence: 24 Everett St., Tel. 365-R

Office: Town Hall Building, Tel. 365-W

The superintendent's office is open on school days from
8 to 11.30 A. M. and 1.30 to 5.00 P. M. Saturdays: 9 to
12 A. M. Monday and Wednesday evenings: 7.00 to
7.30 P. M.

Superintendent's Clerk

Rita D. Richard, 19 Sayles St., Tel 29-W

School Physician

Dr. Charles Simpson, 186 Hamilton St., Tel. 326

School Nurse

Marguerite C. Houle, 29 Marcy St., Tel. 774-W

Attendance Officer

Margaret G. Butler, 29 Marcy St., Tel. 615-W

School Calendar—1926

Winter term, twelve weeks, January 4 to March 26
Spring & Summer term, twelve weeks, April 5 to June 25
Fall term, seventeen weeks, August 30 to December 21

No-School Signals

1-1-1 on fire alarm at 8 a. m. No school for primary grades
2-2-2 on fire alarm at 8 a. m. No school in any grade
1-1-1 on fire alarm at 11.30 a. m. One session
1-1-1 on fire alarm at 12.30. Afternoon session for all
schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Southbridge:

The School Committee herewith submit the following report of the finances of the School Department of the town for the year closing December 31, 1925, together with their recommendations of appropriations for the coming year. As to all matters connected with the policy and management of the schools, the committee refer to the report of the superintendent of schools, Mr. F. E. Corbin, which is hereby submitted as a part of our report.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts —Appropriation	\$138,060.00
Smith-Hughes Fund, U. S. Government	1,548.95

\$139,608.95

Expenditures —General Control	\$5,771.62
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High School —Teachers	\$17,091.75
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Janitors	1,305.96
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Janitor supplies	285.91
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Gas & electricity	640.44
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Text books	1,395.37
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Supplies	715.38
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Miscellaneous	669.71
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Repairs	1,577.85
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Fuel	1,998.83
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Water	151.77
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New equipment	1,052.84	\$26,885.81
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Elementary —Teachers	\$56,233.85
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Janitors	5,764.29
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Janitor supplies	304.22
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Fuel	4,450.39
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Gas & electricity	92.20
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Water	662.66
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Health	800.00	
Transportation	2,254.40	
New equipment	199.70	
Text Books	1,247.99	
Repairs	3,488.40	
Supplies	1,237.18	
Miscellaneous	1,168.42	\$77,903.70
Vocational School—Teachers	\$13,387.50	
Books	84.28	
Repairs	92.21	
New equipment	2,082.25	
Supplies	606.49	
Electricity, power	49.16	
Miscellaneous	161.52	\$16,463.41
Continuation School—Teachers ...	\$7,785.56	
New equipment	208.57	
Books	59.59	
Electricity, power	132.00	
Supplies	479.22	
Miscellaneous	336.65	
Repairs	189.56	\$9,191.15
Factory Classes—Teachers	\$1,345.00	
Miscellaneous	1.10	
Books	3.88	
Supplies	14.42	\$1,364.40
Evening Schools—Teachers	\$1,839.00	
Miscellaneous	20.96	
Books	85.43	
Supplies	33.03	
Gas & electricity	10.27	
New equipment	40.00	\$2,028.69
Total expenditures		<u>\$139,608.78</u>
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1926		<u>\$0.17</u>

RECEIPTS RETURNED TO TOWN TREASURER

Massachusetts School Fund	\$9,367.70	
Vocational School State Grant	5,039.87	
Smith-Hughes U. S. Gov. fund	1,548.95	
Factory Classes, A. O. Co.	538.00	
Factory Classes, H. W. Co.	111.50	
Factory Classes, state grant	636.63	
H. W. Co. Voc. School grant	600.00	
High school tuition	2,277.50	
Elementary school tuition	286.00	
Vocational school tuition	1,311.70	
Car tickets sold	75.60	
Supplies sold	33.20	
Continuation school, state	4,470.32	
Evening school, voc. state	787.34	
Continuation school tuitions	70.72	
Refunds	60.00	\$27,215.03
Net cost to the town, \$112,393.75		

As shown above the net cost of the schools for the year 1925 was \$112,393.75. For the year 1924 the net cost was \$110,336.11, an increase of \$2,057.64.

The grounds at the River Street School were only partly graded this year. Mr. Thomas McGovern, the town engineer, estimates that it will cost \$2,000 to finish the grading and this sum will be called for at the March meeting.

The 1925 state report gives the following as the cost per pupil of the school systems in the towns nearest to us in population:

	Population 1920 census	Cost per Pupil	Grade Salaries
Framingham	17,633	\$66.78	\$1000-1700
Greenfield	15,462	74.45	1000-1500
Winthrop	15,455	61.20	-1500
Methuen	15,189	61.26	1000-1450

	Population 1920 census	Cost per Pupil	Grade Salaries
Weymouth	15,657	61.35	900-1500
Southbridge	15,489	60.74	1000-1400
Milford	13,471	52.47	1000-1200
West Springfield	13,443	82.44	900-1500
Webster	13,258	75.81	1100-1400
Plymouth	13,045	80.75	1000-1400
Wakefield	13,025	67.68	1000-1450

The fact that we are much lower in cost than most is not necessarily to be considered a matter of congratulation but it shows that the schools are not run on any extravagant basis. The largest element of cost is the salary list.

The committee adopted the following schedule in February 1924:—Elementary teachers \$1000-1400; high school and teachers of special subjects \$1200-1600.

The schedule averages with other towns of our size. On May 22, 1922 the committee voted:—"The superintendent is hereby directed to nominate for teachers in the high school only those who are graduates of a college of recognized standing and for the grades only those who are graduates of a four-year normal course or have had ten years' experience as a teacher."

The state allowance from the Massachusetts School Fund is based on education and experience. Thus, the town is allowed \$200 for each college or normal graduate employed who has had two years of teaching experience, but for each non-graduate employed only \$100 is allowed unless they have had ten years of experience.

An allowance is granted from this fund to all teachers and for our town, this year, amounted to \$9,367.70.

Respectfully submitted,

PIERRE LAFORTUNE, Chairman.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee of Southbridge:

I have the pleasure to present to you my twenty-fourth annual report, it being the forty-first of the series of reports issued by the superintendents of the public schools of this town. Throughout this report the year relative to attendance extends from September 1924 to July 1925; the year relative to expenditures from January 1, 1925 to January 1, 1926.

STATISTICS—I. Population and Valuation

Population of town, census of 1920	15,489
Assessed valuation of town	\$12,207,660
Number of polls, male	4,546
Rate of taxation	\$33.60
Number of voters, male 1927	Females 2534
Valuation of school houses and lots	\$447,400
Valuation of other school property	\$31,810

II. School Houses

School houses, occupied 11	Unoccupied 1
School rooms, occupied 55	Unoccupied 1
Number of sittings	1,945

III. Teachers

Number of male teachers	8
Number of female teachers	48
Number of special teachers, females	3
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IV. Pupils

Number of children in town September 1, as reported by the census enumerator:	1924	1925
Between the ages of 5 and 16	3192	3037
Between the ages of 5 and 7	557	336
Between the ages of 7 and 14	2124	2298
Between the ages of 14 and 16	511	403

Number 16 years of age and over	149	157
Total enrollment Sept. to June	1594	1653
Average membership	1460	1524
Average daily attendance	1338	1465
Number between 5 and 7	126	110
Number between 7 and 14	1014	1153
Number between 14 and 16	257	290
Number over 16 years of age	132	146
Number enrolled at NOTRE DAME	746	778
Number between 5 and 7	83	110
Number between 7 and 14	646	616
Number between 14 and 16	17	52
Number over 16	0	0
Average membership	703	716
Average attendance	669	684
Number of teachers	14	12
Number enrolled at SACRED HEART	470	489
Number between 5 and 7	81	87
Number between 7 and 14	387	375
Number between 14 and 16	26	37
Number over 16 years of age	0	0
Average membership	459	471
Average attendance	437	453
Number of teachers	9	9
Number enrolled at ST. MARY'S	207	188
Number between 5 and 7	27	20
Number between 7 and 14	140	131
Number between 14 and 16	23	24
Average membership	196	176
Average attendance	181	165
Number of teachers	8	8
Number of pupils over 16 years of age	17	11
Number enrolled at DAY SCHOOL	27	28
Number between 5 and 7	8	9

Number between 7 and 14	19	23
Number between 14 and 16	0	0
Average membership	25	30
Average daily attendance	22	28
Number of teachers	2	2

COST PER PUPIL

Total expenses for the grades	\$77,903.70
Cost per pupil based on total enrollment	\$57.32
Cost per pupil based on average membership	\$56.16
Total expense for high school	\$26,885.81
Cost per pupil based on total enrollment	\$91.45
Cost per pupil based on average membership ...	\$101.07

PHYSICAL TESTS

Children examined 1615	Eyes defective 197
Ears defective 35	Parents notified 176

CHANGE OF TEACHERS—Resigned

January	May Cole	Grade VII
March	Mary D. Sullivan	High
June	Randolph Blodgett	High
June	Carolyn J. Stannis	Grade IV
June	Alice Wixted	Assistant
June	Julia Moriarty	Grade III
November	Ida C. Cross	Continuation

Appointed

September	Frances Wilson	Grade VII
September	Julia Yott	Grade VI
September	Nathalia Gilbert	Grade V & VI
September	Alice Fitzpatrick	Grade III & IV
September	Isabel Spielman	Grade Assistant
September	Arolyn Sargent	High
September	Dorothy Dartt	High
October	Catherine Welsh	Grade Assistant
November	Anna Lundergan	Continuation

CORPS OF TEACHERS—January 1, 1926

	1st Appt.	Grade	Educated
F. E. Corbin	1886	Supt.	Williams' Col.
High			
*John T. Gibbons	1921	Science	Harvard Univ.
Dorothy Dartt	1925	History	Mt. Holyoke
Ethel F. Putnam	1922	Latin	Middlebury
Kathryn H. Finnegan	1922	French, Spanish	Middlebury
Aroline Sargent	1925	English	Middlebury
Apolline M. Aucoin	1920	Commercial	Worcester Nor.
Ethel B. Smith	1924	Commercial	Bryant-Stratton
Kathryn Trufant	1924	English	Mt. Holyoke
Mary Kennedy	1924	Commercial	Simmons
Vincent Hutchinson	1924	Science	Holy Cross
Marion Horton	1924	Civics	Wellesley
Vocational			
*James Forbes	1919	Drawing	London, Eng. Tech
Alfred Goodwin	1924	Textiles	
Nils Engstrom	1920	Electricity	Amherst A. C.
Robert Kingston	1922	Shop Inst.	
Continuation			
*Frederick Vantura	1920		Hyannis Normal
Frank T. Winston	1922		Tufts
Mary Meagher	1887		Southbridge High
Anna Lundergan	1925		Framingham Normal
Marcy Street Grammar			
*Laura Desmarais	1922	VIII	St. Anne's Acad.
Grace B. Noyes	1923	VIII	Putnam High
Elizabeth Hall	1916	VII	
Blanche Merchant	1922	VII	Framingham Nor.
Frances Wilson	1925	VII	New Britan Normal
Blanche Harwood	1903	VI	Southbridge High
Mabel Joy	1915	VI	Westfield Nor.
Bertha Wallace	1922	VI	Hyannis Nor.
Julia Yott	1917	VI	Fitchburg Nor.
Catherine Welsh	1925	Asst.	North Adams Nor.
Marcy Street Elementary			
*Mary Boardman	1891	II	Southbridge High
Annie Marcy	1900	V	Worcester Nor.
May Simpson	1911	V	Worcester Nor.

	1st Appt.	Grade	Educated
Maud Forsythe	1910	V	Westfield Nor.
Nathalia Gilbert	1923	IV	Westfield Nor.
Irene Gough	1914	III	School of Dom. Science
Mary Chase	1906	III	Home School
Bertha Foley	1912	II	Worcester Nor.
Isabel Spielman	1923	Asst.	Southbridge High
Mechanic Street			
*Jennie Munroe	1905	IV	Bridgewater Nor.
Julia Morrill	1914	III	St. Joseph's Nor.
Jane Farquhar	1887	II	Quincy Training
Mabel Chamberlain	1902	I	Southbridge High
School Street			
*Agnes Meagher	1886	IV	Southbridge High
Lillian Collamore	1924	III	Worcester Nor.
Mary Prendergast	1918	II	Southbridge High
Jeannette Stone	1898	I	Southbridge High
Fire Station			
*Marie J. Saunders	1924	V	West Chester Nor.
Dorothy L. Hunter	1924	VI	Westfield Nor.
River Street			
*Mary Ellis	1882	I	Southbridge High
Edith Randall	1920	II	Southbridge High
Alice Fitzpatrick	1925	III	Our Lady of the Elms
Corrine Beaudreau	1924	Substitute	Southbridge High
Elm Street			
Mary McCabe	1890	I	Quincy Training
Sandersdale			
Alice Laffin	1923	I-II-III	Worcester Nor.
Dennison			
Stella Gay	1907	I-VI	Southbridge High
Lebanon Hill			
Pauline M. Roy	1923	I-VIII	Westfield Nor.
Town Hall School			
*Mary Butler	1902	I	Southbridge High
Eliza Beighe	1923	I	Worcester Nor.
Alice M. Olliff	1924	Drawing	Normal Art School
Doris Swett	1923	Music	Lowell Normal
Louise Corbin		Dom. Science	Wheaton
Margaret Butler	1892	Asst.	Southbridge High
Helen Rowley		Substitute	Wellesley

STATISTICS FROM SCHOOL REGISTERS

School Year Ending July 1 1925

					Aver.		
	Bys.	Gls.	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of At.
High School	134	159	293	294	258.09	266.86	96.55
High School VIII	16	25	41	48	37.23	38.89	95.73
High School VIII	19	23	42	42	34.06	37.17	93.13
High School VII	20	20	40	42	36.85	38.43	96.97
High School VII	20	21	41	42	33.41	35.34	94.53
High School VII	22	19	41	42	36.37	38.21	95.13
High School VI	20	20	40	40	36.56	38.25	95.55
High School VI	19	21	40	41	37.73	39.15	96.38
High School VI	24	17	41	43	36.54	38.46	95.01
High School VI	18	17	35	38	33.29	34.92	95.29
Marcy Street V	18	22	40	40	35.31	36.92	95.63
Marcy Street V	21	17	38	40	37.07	38.09	97.29
Marcy Street V	17	23	40	40	37.21	38.50	96.65
Engine House VI	18	17	35	39	32.66	33.66	96.95
Engine House V	16	23	39	42	36.06	37.38	96.33
Marcy Street IV	26	21	47	50	44.70	46.05	97.66
Mechanic Street IV	21	24	45	45	40.24	41.47	97.04
School Street IV	11	16	27	36	26.44	27.53	96.04
Marcy St. III & IV	23	20	43	44	40.12	41.80	95.98
River St. III & IV	22	20	42	48	40.38	41.56	97.13
Marcy Street III	20	30	50	56	49.93	52.37	95.39
Mechanic Street III	26	27	53	53	42.82	43.80	97.73
School Street III	14	13	27	36	26.97	27.96	96.42
Marcy Street II	22	16	38	38	35.47	37.13	94.34
Marcy Street II	18	19	37	36	31.92	33.36	95.85
Mechanic Street II	20	20	40	43	39.42	40.81	96.60
River Street II	15	16	31	33	29.50	30.20	97.66
School Street II	12	13	25	35	24.89	25.66	96.64
Elm Street I	18	13	31	36	30.97	32.62	94.00

	Bys.	Gls.	Tot.	Tot. Mem.	Aver. Daily Att.	Aver. Mem.	P. C. of At.
Mechanic Street I	31	13	44	47	41.83	43.73	95.84
River Street I	27	20	47	51	44.36	45.21	97.90
School Street I	17	16	33	44	32.24	34.08	94.64
Town Hall, N	25	12	37	36	30.71	32.87	93.73
Town Hall, S	22	18	40	38	35.66	35.28	91.54
Dennison I-VII	12	8	20	20	16.51	17.35	95.20
Lebanon Hill I-VIII	10	7	17	17	14.66	15.47	94.76
Sandersdale I-II-III	16	10	26	24	22.93	24.05	95.57
	830	816	1646	1739	1501.17	1560.60	95.75
Continuation School	132	137	269	269	30.93	159.84	96.76
Vocational School	51		51	53	46.17	47.50	95.37
	183	137	320	322	38.55	103.67	96.07
Evening Schools							
High	28	169	197	197	122.49	144.07	85.19
Mechanic Street	66	13	79	79	58.47	68.01	88.95
River Street	16	21	37	37	29.16	33.25	88.04
	110	203	313	313	70.14	81.77	87.39

Total membership of all schools 2,374

Enrollment by Age and Grade, April 1, 1925—Boys

Grade	A g e																			Tot
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20					
I	70	50	21	6	1	2	1		1										152	
II		37	28	20	6	2	2	1	1										97	
III			1	18	33	16	4	6	1	1	2	2							84	
IV					20	23	14	11	5	5	3								81	
V					6	21	15	14	5	8	5								74	
VI						8	30	18	25	10	3	6	1						101	
VII							2	17	18	17	7	6							67	
VIII							2	3	10	11	10	3							39	
IX																				
X								1	15	28	22	10							76	
XI										1	6	12	13	3					35	
XII										1		1	6	6	4				18	
XIII													1		1			1	3	

Total	70	88	67	85	75	71	73	80	84	58	41	20	10	4	1	827				
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Enrollment by Age and Grade, April 1, 1925—Girls

Grade	A g e																			Tot
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20					
I	34	43	12	5	3	1													98	
II	1	36	36	13	2	2		1											91	
III		3	40	27	11	6	5	1	1										94	
IV			2	27	31	13	2	4	1										80	
V				9	19	23	13	13	6	1			1						85	
VI					9	32	15	16	9	11	1								93	
VII					1	9	18	26	3	3	1								61	
VIII					1		3	16	23	5	2	1							51	
IX							3	12	26	23	14								78	
X									4	6	12	3							25	
XI										3	18	6	2	2	1				32	
XII											3	12	7	2	1				25	
XIII													1						1	

Total	35	82	90	81	77	86	59	89	73	52	51	24	9	4	2	814				
Gr. tot.	105	170	157	166	152	157	132	169	157	110	92	44	19	8	3	1641				

SCHOOL SAVINGS

The number of depositors has decreased this year for the first time since the savings system was established. There being forty less than last year. This is probably owing to "dull times" at the Hamilton Woolen Company. The average amount deposited however, has increased from \$10.05 to \$10.61, a very high average compared with other places in the state.

The following is the amount of deposits for the year ending October 1, 1925:

Marcy Street Elementary	\$1,611.67
Mechanic Street School	1,161.85
School Street School	1,012.98
Engine House School	508.66
River Street School	1,138.51
Marcy Street Grammar	941.62
Dennison District School	22.32
Town Hall School	343.70

Total Deposits	\$6,741.31
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Number of scholars in schools	1,524
Number enrolled depositors	635
Per Cent participating	42%
Number of deposits	12,568
Transferred to pass books	\$5,630.42
Previously deposited	\$26,453.82
Total deposits to Oct. 31, 1925	\$32,084.24
New books issued	215
Average deposits, 1924	\$10.05
Average deposits, 1925	\$10.61

SCHOOL HEALTH

One of the important duties of the School Department is preservation of the pupils' health.

This work is carried on in co-operation with the board

of Health and under the direct charge of the school physician.

This work consists in regular visits by the physician to all schools, the report by the teacher of all suspicious cases of illness and requiring the pupil who has been out of school for illness to bring a note from a physician stating that the child is in good health and fit to return to school.

This work is also supplemented by the dental clinic and your child has perhaps received the benefit of that work.

In addition to this, it is planned to have the "Schick" test given in the schools. This test has been given very freely in the state during the past five years. It is a simple, painless and harmless test and is given without expense to you. No child will be given the test without the written consent of the parent.

The following is the diphtheria record of Southbridge for the past four years: 1922, 20 cases, 2 deaths; 1923, 30 cases, 3 deaths; 1924, 9 cases, 1 death; 1925, 28 cases, 3 deaths.

Notice that one child in every ten cases died. The number of cases annually in the state is about 700 with an average death rate of one in ten. Judging by the towns where this test has been thoroughly given, these deaths could all have been avoided. Northampton, population 23,000, has had no cases in their schools for the past two years. Danvers, population 12,000, averaged thirty-five cases per year. Since giving the "Schick" treatment only one case in 1924 and in 1925 two cases, all under school age.

EVENING HIGH SCHOOL

This school has been growing in importance for some years and has now attained a membership of 196 young men and women who are attending because of their desire to improve in some lines of work.

The largest number are taking the commercial branches, cooking, sewing and millinery. It is pleasing to note that twelve of the attendants were young men who have been attending the elementary evening schools and have now advanced to the lower class in the high school. They are also members of the citizenship class. Owing to these facts, the committee have deemed it best to lengthen the term of this school and it has voted: "That the sessions of the evening high school be increased by ten evenings and that hereafter the term shall consist of fifty sessions."

THE ALEXIS BOYER, JR. FUND

This fund was established in 1918 under the will of Alexis Boyer, Jr. who gave the sum of \$200 to the high school. The sum was not given for any special purpose but it has been deemed best that the income should be expended for the purchase of books. Mr. Boyer was a graduate of the high school in the class of 1894.

He was always a firm believer in the good work accomplished by the Southbridge schools and of the great opportunity presented to all to acquire an education.

His gift was a modest one, \$200 but, the income has accumulated so that the committee in charge were able to purchase twenty-seven worth-while books for the high school library.

The books are of a historical and scientific nature and have been property labelled as purchased from "The Alexis Boyer Fund."

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. CORBIN.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools,

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to present to you my fourth annual report of the Mary E. Wells High School.

Attendance. School opened September 8 with a total of 310 students enrolled, which more than taxes our quarters here at the school. The school was originally designed to accommodate 300 students. Since the year 1920-21 up to the present time, our school has increased just 100% in enrollment. Looking forward: Our present 8th grades will supply us next year with approximately 100 pupils, and our present 7th grades, which will enter high school two years hence, will supply us with 160 pupils. It is reasonable to expect that of this number of students, at least 200 will remain in school. It is reasonable likewise to expect that 150 of our present 300 students will be in school two years hence, so that on a conservative basis, two years from now we can expect at least 350 students. This is not taking into account those students who come to us from other schools. There is no question but what we shall need more room to adequately care for our future students.

Changes in Teaching Corps. The changes in the teaching corps were the resignation of Mr. R. C. Blodgett and the employment of Miss Dorothy Dartt. Miss Marion Horton took Mr. Blodgett's place as instructor of mathematics, and Miss Dartt took Miss Horton's place. Miss Aroline Sargent has succeeded as teacher of English Miss Mary Sullivan, who resigned during the spring term.

Visual Education. The effort to bring to the students and townspeople the better things in literature, history, art, science, etc. was continued during the past year, and as a consequence we had the following moving pictures: "The Great White North," "The Deer Slayer," "The Little Minister," "Rip Van Winkle," "Oliver Twist," "David Copperfield," "Columbus" and "Jamestown." In addition to these moving pictures we had illustrated lectures by Dean Little of Clark University on "Pre-historic Animals

of North America," and during the sun's eclipse of last January, we had Doctor Williams of the Astromical Department at Clark give a lecture explaining the phenomenon.

Extra Curricula Activities. Both the senior and junior classes of last year gave plays: "Am I Intruding?" and "Anne, What's Her Name " Both were successful and a credit to those who participated and to the school. This December the seniors gave "And Home Came Ted" which was likewise successful. The Glee Clubs and orchestra did fine work during the year which was shown in the concert given during the spring term.

Athletics were carried on during the year. The football, baseball and basketball teams being the best we have had here for several years. However, we are still handicapped by a proper place to play and it seems as though we should have, as a part of our equipment, a gymnasium and a physical instructor who could devote the necessary time, thought and energy to proper physical education. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the American Optical Company and Hamilton Woolen Company and all other organizations or individuals who have in any way helped us during the year, and especially those who so kindly contributed to our drive for money this fall.

Educational Week. Education Week was observed again this year, and again we had a good number of parents who attended our evening session. I hope this will serve as a stimulus for other parents to attend our evening session, and to visit us at any time they may desire during the year.

Tests. During the past year we have given diagnostic tests in English composition. The purpose of these tests was to compare our work with that of other high schools. The results showed that we compared favorably with other schools.

We have also given the Chapman Products tests and the Dearborn Group Tests of Intelligence, series IIC and D. The purpose of these tests was primarily to endeavor to find groups that were homogeneous so that they can be brought together for future work and instruction.

Vocational Guidance Talks. During the year Doctor Oscar Dudley of the State Department of Health gave a talk to the boys and girls concerning the possibilities of making medicine their life's work. Doctor Celeste Thresher gave both boys and girls a talk on the possibilities of making dentistry a life's work. Doctor Charles Stratton of Boston University spoke to the student body about the possibilities in the business world and of the necessity of having higher education to meet the requirements of business. Mr. J. Kenney, a representative of Emerson College of Oratory, spoke to the student body on the possibilities of public speaking as a life's work.

Courses of Study. The courses of study, namely the college preparatory, general and commercial, function as usual. One change has been made in the curriculum, that of adding a course in problems of American democracy. We continue to enjoy the privilege of certifying our candidates to all colleges in New England, who accept students on the certificate basis.

Trips. The students of the freshman class visited the library in the early part of fall and were instructed in the location and use of library books. Commercial and science pupils made trips to the American Optical Company, the Hamilton Woollen Company and the Litchfield Shuttle Works for the purpose of observing how the business is carried on—in case of Science classes, to observe the application of science in modern manufacture.

Gifts. It is always a pleasure to announce gifts to the school. Among those given were: A picture of Mrs. Mary E. Wells which now hangs in the auditorium; a bronze statue, which was given by members of the Wells family;

some 25 books were added to the school library by means of the Alexis Boyer fund, and the Class of 1925 gave the school a music cabinet.

The graduates of last year's class are distributed as follows: Four at Boston University, 1 at Sargent, 2 at Normal School, 1 at Simmons, 1 at Clark, 2 at Brown, 1 at N. E. Conservatory, 1 at M. A. C., 1 at Kindergarten school, 2 at Business school and 1 is training to be a nurse. The others are located in local industries.

Baccalaureate Service was held in the Universalist Church, June 21. Rev. Charles Tenney delivered the sermon. Music was furnished by the musical clubs of the high school.

Graduation Exercises took place in the Town Hall, June 25. The program was as follows:

Prayer	Rev. Albert B. Todd	
Overture	Orchestra	Schlepegrell
Address	"The Development of Schools in America"	
	Gertrude Veronica Farley	
Address	"Some Hindrances to Modern Agriculture in New England"	
	Frederick Charles Hanson	
"On to Victory"	Glee Club	Reeves
Address	"The Cultural Value of the Commercial Course"	
	Aline Rose Pinsonneault	
Address	"The Amendments to the Constitution"	
	Robert Perry Montague	
"Desert Caravan"	Orchestra	Zamecnik
Address	"Idiosyncracies of the Yankee Dialect"	
	Robert Sinclair Snell	
"My Dream"	Glee Club	Waldteufel
Presentation of Diplomas		
By the Chairman of the School Committee		

Benediction
March

Orchestra

Zamecnik

In closing I wish to thank the School Committee and the Superintendent, for their co-operation, and to acknowledge my indebtedness to my associate teachers for their hearty support. To the pupils I wish to extend my thanks for their willingness to co-operate, which is indeed a very essential spirit to a successful school.

JOHN T. GIBBONS.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools,

Dear Sir:

It is with pleasure that I submit my ninth annual report of the work of the Evening High School.

The term, which opened Sept. 14, 1925, closed Jan. 18, 1926, having continued 47 nights, an increase of 7 nights over previous years. The sessions were as usual on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 8.30 o'clock in the Mary E. Wells High School. Of the total enrollment of 196 pupils 33 registered for seventh and eighth grade arithmetic and English. There were twelve instructors all of whom are employed in the day schools with the exception of the millinery and Spanish teachers.

Classes were formed in subjects for which at least five pupils registered, accordingly, one new branch was added to the curriculum this year; viz., commercial law.

The subjects taught with the number enrolled for each follow: Bookkeeping 35, typewriting 71, shorthand 41, commercial law 7, advanced English 16, French 10, Spanish 7, algebra 5, cooking 15, clothing 34, millinery 16, seventh and eighth grade English 33, arithmetic 27.

Commercial subjects continued to be the most popular. The bookkeeping course included a beginners' and an advanced class; the work of the former comprised: Use

of journal, posting to ledger, taking of trial balance, preparing outgoing and incoming business papers, statements for the above etc. The advanced work covered drafts, trade acceptances, controlling accounts, adjusting entries, introduction to 3 column cash book etc. Class discussion followed by individual instruction and accompanied by much outside work were the methods of procedure. Some of the advanced pupils are using the knowledge and skill here gained in their daily work. There were two beginning classes and one advanced in typewriting. In the beginning classes the period was devoted to oral drill, working for knowledge of keyboard, accuracy, and rhythm. The advanced class had both oral drill and individual work; exercises involving use of figures, work on centering titles, tabulation, letter writing, addressing envelopes, and use of carbon paper were given; also award tests as a result of which several certificates were received from typewriter companies. In shorthand, where the Gregg system is in use, a beginning and an advanced class were taught; a third group composed of members from the first two classes worked under individual supervision, one member completing the regular third year dictation course.

The sewing class was made up of many who had taken courses in sewing previous years in our evening school but about one third enrolled for the first time last September. A short period of class instruction and discussion was followed by working out individual problems with guidance. Many garments constructed required thought and care. The advanced work included velvet, satin, and woolen dresses; the less advanced, underwear, (silk and cotton), aprons, gingham dresses, plain and Italian hemstitching, application of bias etc. Remodeling a velveteen skirt from a dress, a silk blouse from a dress, and insertion of new godets in a velvet dress were successfully accomplished; also renovation of velvet by steaming, and of woolen goods.

The millinery class completed 36 hats of satin or velvet 5 of which were for children; and remodeled 6 from old material. In this class in connection with the study of color, materials, etc., 23 parchment shades were made, 8 candle, 3 bed lamp, and 8 floor lamp.

The cooking course was planned to provide instruction in selection of food, in the science of nutrition; and in the preparation of the invalid's lunch and tray. To this end daily menus were worked out; the wise expenditure of money for food, and some control of the amount and kinds of food to be consumed were discussed. Study of fuel, gas burner, range, measurements, abbreviations, dish washing, personal neatness and reasons for cooking food, was made. Table setting, correct service, and the value of good table manners were taught. Stewed fruits and marmalades; batters, sponges and doughs; winter vegetables including onions, cabbage, celery; soups; cakes; puddings, frozen desserts, pastry; salads, chop suey, baked and boiled fish, poultry, meat loaf, chops, as well as Christmas cookies and candies were prepared. Three breakfasts, three luncheons and a dinner were served in the school dining room.

In the French and Spanish courses much time was spent on vocabulary building and conservation, supplemented by the necessary amount of drill on the fundamentals of grammar. Considerable fluency in conservation was achieved.

The class in Business English, having reviewed the essentials of English grammar, took up the general study of the business letter. The students were assigned work to be prepared outside which was brought to class, written on board, thoroughly analyzed and corrected.

The elementary class in English did faithful work in seventh grade subjects.

The courses in arithmetic were intensive and practical. The mathematical knowledge gained was applied to every day problems of the trades, commerce, and the home. Several members of these classes are preparing to enter our commercial department.

The class in Commercial Law studied the following subjects: Property, contracts, negotiable instruments, guaranty, sales, bailment etc.

The lengthening of the term this year was much appreciated by the student body and the hope of a much greater extension next year is entertained

The students in every department were of fine quality showing interest, courtesy and a spirit of loyalty throughout the course. One hundred twelve who had a rank of 80 per cent or higher, in one or more subjects, and who were present at least 75 per cent of the sessions, received certificates.

In closing I desire to express my thanks to the school committee and superintendent for their interest and co-operation at all times, to my fellow teachers for their faithful and efficient service, and to the students for their loyalty and perseverance.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. MEAGHER.

SOUTHBIDGE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Mr. F. E. Corbin,

I have the following information to submit in connection with the Vocational School for the year ending December 31, 1925:

Ninety-seven boys were enrolled during the year	
In school at the end of the year	60
Graduated	7
Withdrawals entering industry trained for	7
Withdrew to other occupations	13
Dropped from school as being unfitted	2
Re-entered day school	5
Moved from town	1
Dropped, illness	2-97

During the year thirty-seven boys were enrolled, making a total of ninety-seven at the close of the year. This shows a net gain of eleven boys for the current year and bears out our statement of increasing enrollment.

As the school has been in operation for a full period of five years, we are in a position to give figures concerning it.

Statistics Regarding Vocational School from January 1, 1920 to January 1, 1925

Total entrances for five-year period	193
In school Jan. 1, 1925	47
Total withdrawals	—146
Moved from town	9
Re-entered Day School	5
Unfitted	7
Withdrew to other occupations	55
Discharged	11
Sickness	9

Changed courses	5
Graduated	45
	—146

From these figures, the following percentages are derived

Percent of graduates	33%
Average student turnover	25%
Percent of graduates working at trade trained for	71%

These figures compare favorably with the best trade school records available.

We have maintained a close check-up of the boys who have graduated as to fitness for the work for which they were trained and in nearly all cases have found that they were giving satisfaction. Mr. Armstrong of the Hamilton Woolen Company continues to endorse our graduates and finds places in the mill for as many of them as we are able to furnish him with.

At the American Optical Company, Mr. Maynard is well satisfied with the graduates who have entered his department and Mr. Foote of the Lensdale plant has also expressed his willingness to take more of our boys into his department.

The policies of the school would now seem to be fairly well defined and no great changes are contemplated except the ever present one of increasing vocational opportunity.

During the past year we have been able to start a course in printing through the co-operation of the American Optical Company and this bids fair to become as successful as the other courses now in operation at this plant.

The textile course has continued to grow in spite of the depression in the industry and we have been able to maintain a steady quota of boys at the mills of the Hamilton Woolen Company.

The class in electrical work remains the same as last year and still requires increased trade opportunity as a large number of boys apply for this type of training.

During the year we have had to establish a waiting list to take care of applicants who were desirous of entering the school and for whom, we were unable to find places in the various trades.

It is to be regretted that all who applied could not have been enrolled, but with our present inadequate teaching staff, it was deemed advisable to curtail rather than expand our enrollment.

As in previous years we have been favored with a large number of visitors both from the educational and industrial fields who are interested in co-operative education, and there is scarcely a week passes but that we receive inquiries from interested communities.

At the present time we have a large number of out of town students attending our school and it is a pleasure to record the cordial relationship between these outside towns and Southbridge.

We have made several exhibits during the year notably the one for the Associated Industries of Massachusetts which was carried out on an extensive scale. The help received from the Hamilton Woolen Company and the American Optical Company in making this exhibit a success was much appreciated and enabled us to show the work of our school in a way which otherwise would have been impossible.

During the year we received two thousand copies of "A Modern Trade School" printed for the school by the American Optical Company. This pamphlet describes the work of the school and is illustrated throughout with suitable pictures of the school and is a splendid piece of work. The whole expense of printing this booklet was borne by the American Optical Company to whom we feel very grateful.

We have added some new equipment which helps to increase our efficiency and enables us to give more thorough and progressive training.

The day and evening school have built several new pieces of apparatus and these have proved valuable in our class work.

COURSE IN MACHINE SHOP PRACTICE

The work done by the boys in the machine shop has consisted of operations performed on 64,500 pieces either wholly or partially completed by the school. Of this number 64,010 pieces were accepted by the American Optical Company which gives us a junk record of less than 1%.

The machinist instructor has developed a tool checking system and also a method for following up work as it passes through the school.

Improvements have also been made in the methods of receiving and shipping work.

In addition to the regular manufacturing work supplied by the American Optical Company, the boys have also made or rebuilt the following: Rebuilt two lathe chucks, rebuilt one milling machine vise, built two special cutter grinding fixtures, built one small drill chuck, made a set of collars for milling machines, built several jigs and fixtures for special work, constructed cabinet for waste material.

It is again a pleasure for me to record that the school has been continuously supplied with work by the American Optical Company throughout the year.

COURSE IN WORSTED MANUFACTURE

We have made no additions to the equipment in our textile laboratory this year partly due to the conditions in the industry and also for economic reasons.

With the increasing membership however, and the very important part that the laboratory plays in the training of our textile students, I feel that we should add to our present equipment, one small conditioning oven and two sample spinning frames similar to the one at present in the laboratory.

Although conditions in the textile industry have been poor throughout the year, the Hamilton Woollen Company have found employment for our boys and it is a pleasure to record the consideration which this company gives to the school.

COURSE IN ELECTRICAL WORK

The class in electrical work remains the same as last year with this exception, that more boys have applied for admission than ever before.

The excellence of the training which these boys receive at the American Optical Company's plant makes it a very desirable field and it seems unfortunate that this branch of trade training has to be limited.

As in previous years, the boys in this class have continued to care for the electrical maintenance work in the school buildings during their week in school.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FORBES, Director.

SOUTHBRIDGE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Vocational High School Building, Southbridge, Mass.

SESSIONS

School—8.30 to 11.30 a. m. and 1.00 to 3.00 p. m. Eight-hour day during shop week and one-half day on Saturday.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Summer vacation, two weeks. Classes at school close on legal holidays. Classes at factories follow the practice of the American Optical Company and the Hamilton Woolen Company.

ORGANIZATION—School Committee

Hector Peloquin Alfred E. LaPierre Joseph Laughnane
J. Arthur Genereux Pierre Lafortune Hector LeClair

ADVISORY BOARD—Textile Division

E. Benj. Armstrong, Agent, Hamilton Woolen Company
Ernest Birdsall, Overseer, Weaving
Charles Cornock, Overseer, Drawing, Spinning, Twisting
Richard Yates, Overseer, Carding, Combing

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Textile Instructor, Alfred Goodwin, 134 Chapin St.
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80 Coombs St., Tel. 793-W
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Secretary, Margaret R. Connolly, 38 South St., Tel. 87

*Also Instructor of Electrical Work

SOUTHBRIDGE EVENING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Mr. F. E. Corbin,

Dear Sir:

I have the following information to submit in connection with the Evening Vocational School:

Course	Enrollment
Mechanical Drawing	20
Machine Shop Practice	18
Industrial Mathematics	8
Worsted Manufacture	5
Loomfixing	9
Total Enrollment	— 60

There has been a slight falling off in attendance in our evening school enrollment this year due, no doubt, to the general condition of business.

The attendance on the whole however, has been very good and it is worthy of note that a large number of our evening students are men who have been coming here for a number of years.

We had to discontinue two of the evening classes this year for lack of equipment viz, the class in Automobile Work and the one in Spinning.

Through the courtesy of the G. C. Winter Company, we were able to display in their window, a testing machine, which was designed and drawn up by students in the mechanical drawing class and built by students in the machine shop.

This exhibit aroused much interest and I think, was well worth the time and energy put into it.

During the year, the evening class instructors had the benefit of a lecture on teacher training from Mr. M. Norcross Stratton of the State Department of Education.

The work in all of the classes is substantially the same as in previous years and there has been no change in the teaching personnel.

We find the evening school pupil to be ambitious and anxious to learn and under such conditions, with competent teachers, the school must be successful.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FORBES, Director.

Monday and Wednesday Evenings from 7 to 9 p. m.
Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 7 to 9 p. m.

Forty Nights — Classes close on legal holidays

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Loomfixing Instructor,
 Eugene Lusignan, Third Hand, H. W. Co.

Supt. F. E. Corbin,
Southbridge, Mass.

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the Director of Continuation School for the past year.

The enrollment for the year was 286, 140 boys and 146 girls. It increases and decreases with the demand for unskilled labor. The school is a good business barometer in that its enrollment indicates business conditions.

Owing to the resignation of Miss Ida Cross to accept a similar position in Ansonia, Conn. the Domestic Science classes are being conducted by Miss Anna Lundergan whose work to date is very commendable. To take care of the increasing demand for Commercial work, another class was organized and is being conducted by Miss Mary Kennedy of the High School Commercial Department.

Our general policy has continued the same as in past years. We aim to assist minors in making adjustments, social, civic and economic, from their status as full-time school pupils to 14-16 year old wage earning citizens.

Emphasis is placed on the development of each student's abilities and powers up to capacity. Real problems are solved instead of the customary book problems. Communities now demand knowledge of the functioning sort.

To meet this demand in the girls' department more stress is laid on the high standards regarding the home and the appreciation of it, on the more practical knowledge of home methods and management. In our follow-up work we find that the girls are putting into practical use the instruction received in the class room. The work includes courses in sewing, cooking, millinery, home nursing and commercial.

In the boys' department repair work brought from home or sent in from other departments of the school is done and a variety of articles that may be used in the home as pedestals, bookstands, etc. are made. One hundred toys including cribs, rocking horses and ducks and wheelbarrows were made and presented to Poor Department for distribution among the poorer children of the town.

In our Placement Bureau we have always tried to select the right boy or girl for the right "job." We appreciate the increased demand for this type of labor and in the future as in the past the school is pleased to co-operate when it can be of service.

At this time I wish to express my appreciation of the loyalty of my co-workers and the hearty co-operation which I have received from school officials, employers and parents.

Respectfully submitted,

E. FREDERICK VANTURA, Director.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools,

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the annual custom the school Physician presents the following report for the year 1925.

The number of pupils examined in the public and private schools 1335. The number of pupils examined for work certificates 34.

The number of pupils examined for school certificates 210. Among the number that applied for school certificates two pupils were found to have "diphtheria." All cases reporting sore throat are cultured and requested to remain from school until a return is made from culture.

Defects found: Decayed Teeth 4055, Enlarged Tonsils 369, Adenoids 321, Post Nasal Catarrh 53, Poor Nutrition 67, Enlarged Glands (cervical) 23, Anemia 22, Impetigo 5, Eczema 6, Mentally Deficient 6, Irregular Heart 10, Defective Vision 43, Blepharitis 1, Defective Hearing 2, Discharging Ear 3, Poor Posture 1.

The physical defects have been reported to the parents, and all possible effort has been made to persuade the parents to obtain for the child, the care necessary for correction of all defects that it is possible to remedy.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. SIMPSON, M. D.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools,

I hereby submit my report as School Nurse for the year 1925.

Milk is the best food for growing children . It contains all the food material needed for growing bones and muscles. Milk combined with bread, cereals and vegetables should be the main part of the diet of boys and girls.

Half-pint bottles of milk are served in nearly all class rooms. When the milk lunch is served in the mid-forenoon, the influence of numbers is keenly felt. Children want to do what other children are doing. In this way it is possible to induce children to drink milk at school who refuse to do so at home.

Number of class rooms serving milk 25

Number of bottles served during:—

School	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Tot.
Marcy Street	748	661	734	456	500	356	472	983	780	882	6572
River Street								197	939	762	2566
School Street	799	404	642	490	487	351	350	695	672	702	5592
Mechanic Street	925	293	383	302				592	433	50	2978
Engine House	243	105	167	146	119	35	100	137	240	150	1442
Elm Street	201	149	160	166	153	153	76	256	206	278	1798
Town Hall	426	357	423	245	382	212	127	489	474	371	3506
Sandersdale	225	315	354	142	213	101	161	261	239	194	2205

The child who has not kept up the normal growth, who is found to be underweight from any cause, sickness, overwork, lack of sleep, nervous excitement or improper food should become an object of special care to the parents and school nurse.

In schools, the repeater is very often the child who is underweight. It is more difficult to give him an education than to educate the well child. This reason, as well as personal reasons, make it a matter of vital importance that everything possible be done to reduce the number of underweight children.

Those ten per cent or more underweight have been weighed twice during the school year and instructed in

such fundamentals as rest, fresh air, bathing and proper clothing are very important in helping to bring the malnourished child up to normal. Diet is an all-important factor in overcoming malnutrition. The following tables show that the majority of underweights have gained.

CHILDREN 10% UNDERWEIGHT

	Enroll.	May	Dec.
Marcy Street			
Grade II	36	5	2
Grade II	36	4	0
Grade III	46	8	3
Grade III	16	3	1
Grade IV	47	8	6
Grade IV	27	2	0
Grade V	39	6	2
Grade V	8	1	0
Grade VI	20	4	1
Totals	275	41or15%	15or5%

	Enroll.	May	Dec.
Junior High School			
Grade VI	37	7	2
Grade VI	35	10	3
Grade VI	39	8	3
Grade VII	39	9	4
Grade VII	38	12	3
Grade VII	42	9	4
Grade VIII	40	11	5
VIII	41	7	2
Grade VIII	40	18	8
Totals	351	91or26%	34or9%

	Enroll.	May	Dec.
School Street			
Grade I	33	12	6
Grade II	25	4	1
Grade III	26	4	0
Grade IV	37	7	4
Totals	121	27or22%	11or9%
	Enroll.	May	Dec.
Mechanic Street			
Grade I	32	7	5
Grade II	39	12	5
Grade III	45	8	2
Grade IV	48	12	7
Totals	164	39or24%	19or12%
	Enroll.	May	Dec.
River Street			
Grade I	44	10	6
Grade II	27	1	0
Grade III	22	5	2
Grade IV	19	2	2
Totals	112	18or16%	8or7%
	Enroll.	May	Dec.
Town Hall			
Grade I-N	28	10	5
Grade I-S	30	6	2
Totals	58	16or27%	7or12%
	Enroll.	May	Dec.
Elm Street			
Grade I	26	12or46%	7or27%
	Enroll.	May	Dec.
Engine House			
Grade V	36	6	3
Grade VI	31	7	5
Totals	67	13or19%	8or12%

The Worcester County children's vacation camp at Sterling provided a health vacation for eight children, four boys and four girls. The children sent to this camp were maintained by funds from the sale of Xmas seals. Skilled physicians, trained nurses, teachers and play leaders supervised them while the health-restoring outdoor life brought back ruddy cheeks.

In June the Southern Worcester County Health Association with the help of the State Department of Health, entertained the school children and their parents with a health exhibit. Twenty-two children took part in a play called the "Wizardry of Milk." It illustrated the energy gained by drinking a certain amount of milk every day. The Junior High pupils took part in a health poster contest. There were six hundred posters displayed. Mr. McCarty, art teacher in the State Health Department, awarded three first prizes and three second prizes.

The care of the children's mouths up to the age of twelve years is worth much more than that spent later in repairing the results of disease. The work in the clinic stimulates the children to start the habit of mouth cleanliness early and begin the regular visits to the dentist.

The dental clinic was opened every Monday and Tuesday forenoon from 9 to 11:45 from October 1st to June 1.

Number of children who reported to clinic the first time 288, number of children who had teeth cleaned 345, number of extractions 299, number of fillings 72, number of treatments 13, number of oral examinations 62, number of tooth brushes sold 150.

The usual physical examination was made by the school physician assisted by the nurse. With the exception of dental caries, infected tonsils and enlarged adenoids was the defect most frequently encountered. Abnormal tonsils and adenoids often prevent children from getting sufficient air. They should be removed.

Number of pupils examined 1221, number of visits for correction of defects 100.

All class rooms were visited and State literature distributed to emphasize the great value of forming health habits during school life.

Number of visits made to:—Marcy Street school 46, High School building 36, Town Hall school 28, Elm Street school 13, School Street school 21, Engine House school 15, River Street school 15, Mechanic Street school 19, Dennison District school 10, Sandersdale school 13, Lebanon Hill school 11. Total number of visits 227.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools,

Americanization work continues in the public evening schools and factories. Classes for Adult Aliens and Illiterate minors were held at Mechanic and River Street schools from September to December, and in the factories of the American Optical Company and Hamilton Woolen Company, from December to April twelfth.

Two hundred twenty-two pupils were enrolled in 19 classes. These pupils were instructed in elementary English and principles of American Democracy.

In addition to regular class-room work, there were social evenings, moving pictures of an educational nature. A Glee Club of twenty members, and a Dramatic Club were formed, which contributed to the success of the closing exercises.

The Citizenship class members successfully passed the educational tests given by Federal examiner.

At the close of the term in April, 165 certificates were awarded to the pupils who had completed the state requirements.

MARGARET G. BUTLER,

Supervisor of Americanization.

Mr. F. E. Corbin, Supt. of Schools,

The eleventh annual report of the Attendance Department is herewith respectfully submitted.

Compulsory education must be thought of as an agency utilized by the community and state to perform a real service to the home, the child, and industry.

Our public schools are becoming more and more utilitarian, and progressive education must keep moving with the motion of the world to keep children in school after we place them there.

This necessarily increases the cost of education since more children are attending school over a longer period. It also increases the duties and activities of the attendance department.

Minors engaged in street trades are being licensed. A summary of the street trade law follows:

1. The minor must be at least 12 years old before he may sell or deliver newspapers or magazines, shine shoes or sell anything on the street.
2. He must get a badge from the officer who issues employment certificates.
3. He must wear this badge in plain sight and must not give it or loan it to anyone.
4. He must not work during school hours unless 14 years, and have a regular employment certificate.
5. If under 14, he must not work before 6 A. M. nor after 8 P. M.
6. If 14 or 15 he must not work before 5 A. M. nor after 9 P. M.
7. He must not have unlicensed boys or girls as helpers.

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

Persons 5 years of age or over, and under 7	336
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	2298
Persons 14 years of age or over, and under 16	403
Illiterate minors 16 yrs. of age or over and under 21..	157

INVESTIGATION OF ABSENCES

Number of cases investigated for grades in public and private schools	1507
Absences caused by illness of children, illness in the child's family, legitimate excuses, lack of necessary clothing, Truancy and Indifference to School Laws:—	
Evening school cases	10
Cases for home permits	67
Cases investigated for Immigration authorities	11
Cases concerning street trades	41
Cases referred to Probation Officer	0
Cases referred to State Agents	5
Cases reported to Attendance Officer not found, (left town or moved elsewhere in town)	6
Cases of children found at home not registered at school of school age	4
Children found on streets not registered at school of school age	3
Cases of children found at home between ages of 14-16..	8
Excused from attendance by School Prysician	13
Children found at work	0
Children found working unlawfully	17
Children found absent from school coming from other towns	4
Cases reported to the Public Health Nurse	11
Cases of misconduct on streets and in stores	20
Visits to shops, factories, store, to investigate employment of minors	4
Cases investigated for Continuation School	5
Number of visits to schools, public and private	650

Sent to School for Deaf, N. H.	1
Number of disease notifications received from the Board of Health, referred to principals of schools ..	40
Number of cases referred to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	0
Number of families assisted by clothing, etc.	8
Number of children between ages of 14 to 16 for whom employment was found	4
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Total number of cases investigated	2897

COURT CASES

Number of children taken in court	0
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PUPILS WITHDRAWN FROM SCHOOL

Number of pupils moved from Southbridge during school sessions	48
Number of pupils transferred from private schools to public schools in town during school sessions ...	10
Number of pupils transferred from public schools to private schools in town during schools sessions ..	9
Number of pupils transferred from public schools to public schools during schools sessions	35
Transferred to Vocational School	14

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

Educational, 16-21 literate	443
Educational, 16-21 illiterate	27
Educational, temporary	2
Employment between 14-16	133
Home permits	22
Special	7
Newsboys' badges	39
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Total number of certificates issued	673
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Respectfully submitted,

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ROLL OF HONOR

Perfect Attendance 1924-1925

THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS

	School	Grade	Age
Doris Demers	High	X	14
Elsie Hofstra	High	X	15
Martha Lord	High	X	12
Edgar Brousseau	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Wanda Orzeck	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Rudolph Brzeis	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
James McKay	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
Oswald Lavallee	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
Edward Champagne	Marcy Grammar	VI	12
Walter Lesniewski	Marcy Grammar	VI	14
Mieczyslaw Kurposka	Fire Station	V	12
Nellie Jura	River Street	IV	9

TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS

	School	Grade	Age
Mildred Armstrong	High	X	16
Loretta Bachand	High	XI	14
Beryl Morse	High	XII	16
Claire Robidoux	High	XII	16
Katherine Ohwiler	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Ludwiga Prantkielewicz	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
Louise Skinner	Marcy Grammar	VII	11
Blanche Lapointe	Marcy Grammar	VII	12
Dorothy Munroe	Marcy Grammar	VI	11
Mary DiGregorio	Marcy Elementary	V	13
William Hofstra	Marcy Elementary	V	10
Alfred St. Pierre	Marcy Elementary	V	12
Hattie Darcenkiewicz	Marcy Elementary	IV	10

ONE YEAR

	School	Grade	Age
Joseph Adamick	High	X	14
Lucienne Beaupre	High	X	16
Arthur Bernard	High	X	14
Walter Collings	High	X	14
George Ford	High	X	14
Raymond Lippe	High	X	15

	School	Grade	Age
Theodosia Labbs	High	X	13
Bernice McGilvray	High	X	14
Aline Monette	High	XI	15
William Orzeck	High	X	13
Eliza Romano	High	X	13
Arthur Ryder	High	X	15
Anna Sandgren	High	X	13
Agnes Tait	High	XII	19
Mildred Wheeler	High	X	18
Warren Wilson	High	X	13
Raymond Lataille	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Flora Tait	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Anna Misiaszek	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Dorothy Macallister	Marcy Grammar	VIII	13
Joseph Misiaszek	Marcy Grammar	VIII	15
Leonel Desmarchais	Marcy Grammar	VII	14
Alboma Leduc	Marcy Grammar	VII	13
Stanley Boska	Marcy Grammar	VII	13
Eugene Hamel	Marcy Grammar	VII	15
Patrick Saletnik	Marcy Grammar	VII	16
Irene Abrahamson	Marcy Grammar	VII	11
Charles Buckner	Marcy Grammar	VII	14
Chester Ademik	Marcy Grammar	VI	10
Gerald Brousseau	Marcy Grammar	VI	13
Ralph Ohlwiler	Marcy Grammar	VI	11
Setina Salce	Marcy Grammar	VI	12
Jeannette Angers	Marcy Grammar	VI	15
Alma Duquette	Marcy Grammar	VI	14
Leandre Boudreau	Marcy Grammar	VI	13
Edward Chipman	Marcy Grammar	VI	13
Miriam Craig	Marcy Grammar	VI	11
Louise Hall	Marcy Grammar	VI	11
John Steen	Marcy Grammar	VI	11
Sophie Pietroes	Fire Station	VI	13
Stanislaws Szumilas	Fire Station	VI	13
Nellie Misiaszek	Fire Station	VI	10
Bridget Damian	Fire Station	V	11
Apolonia Jeramenik	Fire Station	V	11
Beatrice Kozyra	Fire Station	V	12

	School	Grade	Age
Miezyślaw Labuda	Fire Station	V	12
John Kitos	Marcy Elementary	V	12
Bernice Hunt	Marcy Elementary	V	10
Stella McIntire	Marcy Elementary	V	12
Adella Lucyniak	Marcy Elementary	V	10
Wallace Maclean	Marcy Elementary	V	11
Claire McGrath	Marcy Elementary	IV	10
Zephir Plante	Marcy Elementary	IV	12
Alfred Arseneault	Mechanic Street	IV	14
Roland Chamberlain	Mechanic Street	IV	13
Ernest Morin	Mechanic Street	IV	11
Virginia Detarando	Mechanic Street	IV	11
Phillippina DeAngelis	Mechanic Street	IV	9
Ida Tuccia	Mechanic Street	IV	10
Joseph McKay	Marcy Elementary	III	10
Leona Rischetelli	Marcy Elementary	III	9
Walter Lucyniak	Marcy Elementary	III	8
Estelle Sutherland	Marcy Elementary	III	10
Moise Reopel	Mechanic Street	III	11
Doris Robidoux	Mechanic Street	III	9
Peter Damian	School Street	III	9
Stella Dzura	School Street	III	10
Stephanie Bastek	River Street	III	8
Stephan Damian	River Street	III	9
Jennie Kurposka	River Street	III	10
Nellie Stypulkowski	River Street	III	8
Jennie Szydlak	River Street	III	9
Walter Rewinski	Marcy Elementary	II	7
Hazel Cooper	Marcy Elementary	II	7
Flora Hong	Mechanic Street	II	7
Stanley Latoszek	River Street	II	8
Henry Skowron	River Street	II	7
Alexander Szydle	River Street	II	7
Romeo Belanger	Mechanic Street	I	11
Stefanie Saranet	School Street	I	8
Bronislaus Metowski	School Street	I	6
Josephine Boksa	River Street	I	7
Arthur Brunell	River Street	I	8
Vincent Damian	River Street	I	7

	School	Grade	Age
Henry Gagnon	River Street	I	7
Bernard Galonek	River Street	I	10
Raoul Gaumont	River Street	I	7
Jennie May	River Street	I	7
Alice Libera	River Street	I	7
Ernest Leduc	River Street	I	11
Adelard Loranger	River Street	I	7
John Libera	River Street	I	6
Fred Lupa	River Street	I	7
Estelle Gaumont	River Street	I	7
Sophie Szymilas	River Street	I	7
Grace Darling	Elm Street	I	6
Gerard Dubreuil	Elm Street	I	6
Harry Rischetelle	Town Hall School	I	6
Stacia Kozlowski	Town Hall School	I	6
Harold Pontbriand	Dennison District	III	9

EVENING SCHOOLS

May Blakely	High	Nicholas Veshia	Mechanic
Julia Coughlin	High	Cora Gagnon	Mechanic
Lillian Jacques	High	Emerentienne Lussier	Mechanic
Antoinette Lippe	High	Marie Anne Leblanc	Mechanic
Elias Peters	High	Blanche Bergeron	Mechanic
Vangel Sotir	High	Albert Boucher	Mechanic
George Maxis	Mechanic		

